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SUBJ: ESRO (ESA) SATELLITE TRACKING STATION, FAIRBANKS,  
ALASKA

REF: (A) STATE 141304

(B) PARIS 181444

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF. (A), ESA ADVISES THAT (A) ON 31 MARCH THEY SENT A LETTER TO STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, 105 STATE COURT AND OFFICE BUILDING, FAIRBANKS. THE AGENCY THUS INFORMED THE STATE OF ALASKA OF ITS INTENTION TO CLOSE THE STATION. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: "SIR, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF A TELEMTRY STATION AT FAIRBANKS, ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 8TH MARCH 1966 AND AMENDED BY THE FIRST ENDORSEMENT DATED 15 OCTOBER 1972. (PARA) AFTER 30 AUGUST 1977 THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, WHICH AS FROM THE 31 MAY 1975 HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT ITS ACTIVITIES UNDER THE NAME OF EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY, HAS NO MISSIONS TO BE SUPPORTED FROM THE FAIRBANKS STATION AND THEREFORE HAS PLANNED TO CLOSE IT AT THE END OF 1977.

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(PARA) THE AGENCY HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A SATELLITE TELEMTRY/ TELECOMMAND STATION NEAR FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, CONCLUDED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF 28 NOVEMBER 1966 AND AMENDED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN FEBRUARY 1972. (PARA) WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE REACTION OF THE UNITED

STATES GOVERNMENT, SHOULD THIS NOTICE BE FAVOURABLY  
ACKNOWLEDGED, AS THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE AGENCY IMPLIES AUTOMATICALLY  
THE TERMINATION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT. IN THESE CIR-  
CUMSTANCES, ACCORDING TO ITEM 21 OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT,  
WE SHALL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE REMOVAL,  
SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UPON  
THE LEASED LANDS. YOURS FAITHFULLY" M. BOURELY, LEGAL  
ADVISOR, HEAD OF LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, AND (B) AWAIT-  
ING THE REACTION OF THE USG TO THE ESA LETTER OF 2 MARCH, THEY  
ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH STATE OF ALASKA  
REGARDING THE REMOVAL, SALE OR TRANSFER OF IMPROVEMENTS  
MADE ON THE SITE. A FIRST MEETING ON THAT SUBJECT WAS  
HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF ALASKA. THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL CONTINUING.  
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